

# *Town of Hampton*



## **SELECTMEN'S ORDINANCE PARADES AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS**

### **Section 1. Authority**

In accordance with and under the authority of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 286 the following Ordinance is adopted to regulate the conduct of parades and public gatherings within the Town of Hampton in order to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the Town of Hampton.

### **Section 2. Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to assure and promote the orderly and planned conduct of parades, public gatherings, the work of showmen, the presentation and the conduct of theatricals within the Town of Hampton so as to protect the public welfare and safety.

### **Section 3. License Required for Showmen**

No showman, tumbler, rope dancer, ventriloquist or other person shall, for pay, exhibit any feats of agility, horsemanship, sleight of hand, rope dancing or feats with cards, or any animals, wax figures, puppets or other show, or promote any public competition, without first obtaining a license from the Board of Selectmen.

### **Section 4. Special License Required for Theatricals; Parades; Meetings**

No theatrical or dramatic representation shall be performed or exhibited and no parade or procession upon any public street or way, and no open-air public meeting upon any ground abutting thereto, shall be permitted, unless a special license therefor shall first be obtained from the Board of Selectmen.

### **Section 5. Selectmen May Impose Reasonable Conditions**

The Board of Selectmen may impose reasonable conditions upon any activity requiring a license or a special license under Section 3 and 4 of this Ordinance.

### **Section 6. Fees**

The Board of Selectmen shall issue every such license or special license in writing. Such written license or special license shall specify the day and hour or hours when the license or special license may be exercised, but not otherwise, together with the place or route of the activity licensed and the reasonable conditions imposed by the Selectmen. The fee for the issuance of such license or special license shall be \$5.00.

## **Section 7. Added Expense to Town**

For any event proposed to be licensed under this Ordinance, the Selectmen shall determine whether the fee for the license prescribed in this Ordinance will be adequate to reimburse the Town of Hampton for the extra expense in protecting the health and safety of the public, which can reasonably be attributed to the event to be licensed. When the license fee is found to be inadequate, the promoter of the event shall agree to put in writing to reimburse the Town for the amount of such expense in excess of the license fee and shall furnish a bond for the payment of such amount in a form acceptable to the Selectmen.

## **Section 8. Penalty**

Whoever violates the provisions of RSA 286:1-4 or this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen to prosecute for every violation.

## **Section 9. Revocation, Suspension or Modification of Permits**

The Board of Selectmen, or their lawfully designated representative, may at any time cancel, suspend, revoke, or modify licenses or special licenses issued hereunder for cause. Cancellation of any required insurance or security automatically cancels issued licenses and special licenses.

## **Section 10. Insurance Requirements**

Applicants for a license hereunder shall comply with such insurance requirements as shall be required by the Town at the time of the licensing. The type and amount of insurances will depend upon the type of operations to be carried out by the applicant. The Town shall be named as an additional insured on all insurance required.

The certificate of insurance for General Coverage and Workers' Compensation shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire law from a company license to issue such insurances in the State of New Hampshire.

Cancellation of any required insurance coverage automatically cancels any license issued hereunder.

## **Section 11. Effective**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

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